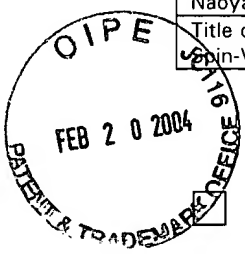


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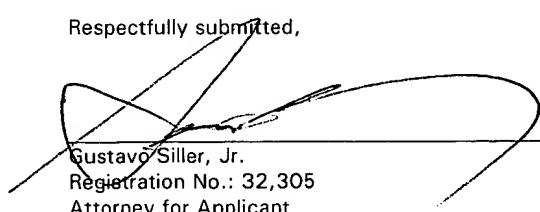
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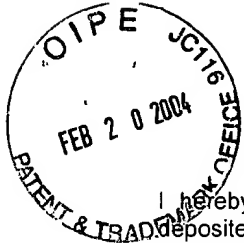
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2004, Applicants elect
Invention I, and Claims 1 – 26 for the present application.

Application No. 09/774,781
Reply to Office Action of January 26, 2004

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.